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Hongkong, November 18, 1909. 1424

THE SHANGHAI CHAMPIONS.
Mr. Eric Miller, rider of *Beaumont* in the Champions race at the Shanghai Spring Meeting, sends the following account of the Marbles-Spring Rose incident to the *North China Daily News*:
"Sir, As the objection laid against Marbles in the Champions has made a very painful impression generally, I think those witnessing the race would like to hear a jockey's opinion and from one who was riding in the race, and always well-up.
"There is no doubt about it, that Marbles entered the last quarter 5-7 lengths in front of any other pony.
"Near round the Bend was myself on *Beaumont*, with Spring Rose right close beside me.
"As we entered the straight, I saw that Marbles was making for the dry ground on the outside.
"I was of the opinion that Marbles had made his effort and would come back to us. A great mistake, he kept on.
"I made straight down the middle of the course. Spring Rose followed Marbles and also made off to the left for the outside.
"For over two-thirds of the last quarter no material change took place in the relative distances between the ponies. Marbles had by this time come well out on the outside, so had Spring Rose.
"As we gradually neared the Winning Post, both Spring Rose and myself had come up to about within 3 lengths of Marbles, when all of a sudden I saw Marbles stagger and swerve slightly.
"Spring Rose noticed it also, as we both made desperate efforts to catch Marbles; but I am absolutely convinced and positive in my own mind, that no effort could have passed Marbles in the short distance before the Winning Post was reached, in such heavy going, even if both ponies had run straight. And in my opinion, from a sporting point of view the name of Marbles must go down as The Unbeaten Pony of the Spring Meeting of 1910.
"I am sorry for its rival owner, Mr. Fish, and for Mr. Springhill, who has so unfortunately lost his first Champions.
"Commenting on the matter, our contemporary observed:—In regard to the complaint lodged against Marbles in the Champions it would have obtained a proper understanding, if the Stewards had issued with their note of disqualification an explanation of the incident, in view of the double swerve made by Marbles. The swerve complained of took place within a few lengths of the winning post and was seen clearly from the Stewards' Box. It is claimed that the swerve, however unintentional, threw Spring Rose out of his stride and caused him to lose the ground which would have placed him ahead of Marbles at the post. The popular idea that the complaint was lodged against a technical breach merely on the part of Marbles thus falls to the ground, and it is only fair to Spring Rose's jockey, Mr. C. R. Burkill, to state that in the absence of the pony's swerve he felt obliged to lodge an objection. We regret that the name of Sir Paul Chater, should have been given as the owner of Spring Rose, as we learn that he has no longer any interest in Mr. Buxey's stable."

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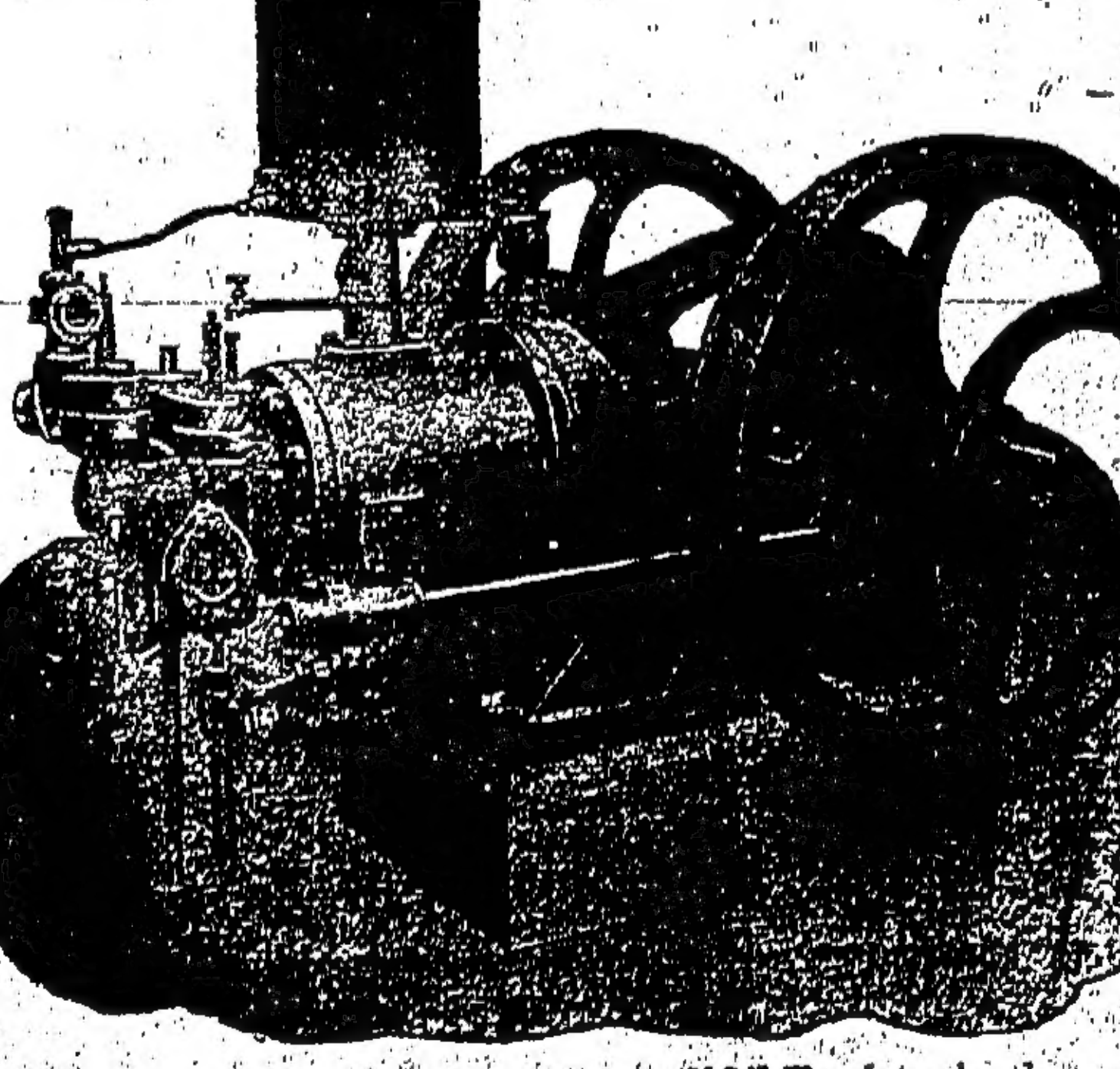
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CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, May 11.

From all parts of the province there comes the report of dearer rice and although so far there have been no disturbances regarding it yet a very great deal of distress is being felt by the poorer classes and there is much resentment against the rice merchants who are, rightly or wrongly, held responsible for the rise in price. Certain it is that these astute persons need very little grounds for the raising of the price of this necessary article and the dealers in oil and wood are equally on the lookout for extra profit. A result of the increased price is seen in the Hoi Tung District. In this place the magistrates formerly allowed thirty-nine cash per diem for rice for each prisoner confined in the district jail. The gaoler has since reported that it is impossible to feed the men on such a sum now and the magistrates have hence increased the allowance to 50 cash per day. The best rice is now being sold in the city at about 15 catties for the dollar.

OPINION.

Some few days ago a Provincial Magistrate was suspected of being an opium smoker. This he denied but he was required to come to the city and undergo certain tests made by the directors of the Anti-opium Bureau. While this trial was going on it was discovered that the suspected person had a number of pills concealed in his official hat and when they were examined they were found to contain opium. This was considered conclusive proof of his devotion to the drug and the case was at once reported to the Victoria. The Anti-opium Bureau is very strict in its dealings with officials who give way to this habit and by its means several officials have been deprived of their positions.

CAVALRY HORSES.

Some time ago several horses were brought from the North to supply the needs of the newly formed troops. When they arrived here, it was found that no accommodation had been provided for the animals and so they were temporarily lodged in stables. It was reported to the Warden of the Military Bureau that no less than seventy-nine of the creatures have died and that a large number are still very sick and unfit for use. The reason is stated to be that there are here no men with a knowledge of the treatment of horses, and that the animals are simply dying for want of proper accommodation and attention. The Warden proposes to engage several experienced stablemen at good wages into whose care the horses will be placed. Disinfectants are also to be shortly erected.

REVOLUTION OF A DEPARTMENT.

On the first day of the present moon the Government Department known as the Sin Hui Chai ceased to exist. In future all the business formerly transacted by the abolished department will be attended to by the officers of the Provincial Treasury.

RAILWAY TROUBLE.

There has been some trouble on the 12th section of the Canton Hankow Railway. The deputy entrusted with the task of buying the land for the railway to pass over, gave permission for work to be started before the land was properly purchased. A large number of coffins and jars containing human remains were unearthed and this caused much excitement among the villagers who threatened all sorts of evil to the railway. The Hok Kony magistrate was quickly on the scene of the disturbances and called a meeting of the local gentry. These latter managed to calm the anger of the people and shortly after the purchase price was paid over for the land.

EMBEZZLEMENT.

A certain Wong in the employ of the Provincial Government embezzled certain sums and absconded. As his whereabouts could not be discovered it was decided to call his guarantor before the court in order to get him aid in effecting the fugitive's arrest. On the guarantor appearing in court he complained that the Yamen runner who had summoned him had demanded and obtained a sum of \$25. The runner was taken before the Magistrate when he refused to confess. It was however proved that he had made the squeeze so he was sentenced to refund the money, to wear in the cage for a time and lose his position.

FINDING A THIEF.

In the Western suburbs a new school known as the Mo Fan Hok Tong is being built. Two days ago a rascal came in and removed a large number of long bamboo poles used as scaffolding. Someone noticed what he was doing and blew a police whistle. A constable from No. 1 Station came up and arrested the man, but, strange to say, gave him his liberty in a few minutes. The builder has sent a petition to the police headquarters asking that the constable be severely punished for allowing a thief to thus go at liberty.

DECEASED.

Anyone who has visited this city must have been struck by the vast number of beggars. These persons are by no means so destitute as they appear to be for they have their companies and organisations much after the same fashion as the trades guilds. One of the odious features of these organisations is that when a wedding

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WHAT WOMEN SHOULD
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GOOD LOOKS LARGELY DEPEND UPON THE
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"I caught a chill," said Mrs. Cadornini, "and soon after began to feel low-spirited and out of sorts. My doctor, inspired, and after meals I had sharp pains in my chest and sides. I suffered greatly from flatulence, my lips and gums became colourless, an

IRRITATING RASH broke out all over my body, causing me agony day and night. I was constantly taking different tonics, but continued to fall away in health and appearance. To make matters worse, neuralgic pains and sick headaches were added to my other ailments. My strength failed so miserably that if I walked hurriedly or even across a room, I gasped for breath and my heart throbbed fearfully. A clever doctor, who was called in said that I was suffering from acute

BLOODLESSNESS AND ANÆMIA, but also I took more medicine. I felt no better. In time I became so wretchedly thin and weak that further medical advice was obtained, and the doctors agreed that I was very anæmic and told me that I had scarcely an ounce of good blood in my veins.

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IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1876 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 16th instant, WHITE MONDAY.

Hongkong, May 10, 1910.

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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc., at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Boxing at the Stadium of Belle View Hotel.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, May 18.—

Exchange Banks Closed.

Goods per *Tourane* unaltered after this date at noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.Goods per *Kutsum* unaltered after 4 p.m. this date will be landed.

THURSDAY, May 19.—

11 a.m.—Auction of Manila Cigars at Mr. Goo, P. Lameret's Sales Rooms.

Goods per *Chicago Maru* unaltered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, May 20.—

11 a.m.—Auction of Raw Silk at No. 16 Godown of the H.K. & S. Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

Goods per *Kamo Maru* not cleared on this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, May 21.—

12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at Messrs Gibb, Livingstone & Co.'s Office.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1910.

THE POLICY OF THE HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

Now that the foundation stone of the new University has been "well and truly laid" it may not be inappropriate to consider what would be the broad, fundamental policy of this institution, for it is certain that its future success will depend very greatly upon the wisdom with which the initial steps are taken. The objects which its founders have in view were very ably explained by his Excellency the Governor on the occasion above referred to. What is not so clear is the way in which those results are to be attained. To teach a few chosen subjects thoroughly and well, and to choose those subjects with a discriminating eye to the peculiar wants of Chinese youth, would probably be sufficient to create a useful and even a great school, but not to form an University. If the average English parent were asked why he sent his sons to Oxford or Cambridge he will at once reply that it was mainly for the social advantages to be acquired thereby, and if further pressed would openly admit that the tone of those institutions was good and that he would have his sons influenced by that tone. It is notorious that a mere pass man may and does acquire this tone perhaps to an equal degree as the most distinguished honours man; it is often the only thing that he brings away with him as the result of three years' work and study; but probably very few parents would consider either the time or the money ill-bestowed if their sons had fully imbibed of this quality. It is one of the peculiarities which distinguish a school from an university. It is the most valuable asset which Oxford and Cambridge possess and of vastly more importance than wealth or learning, though they possess those also. It should seem then well to enquire whence this mysterious character

istics, and how it may be possible to ensure that the tone of the Hongkong university may be a good one; that the institution may be a blessing to the people of China and not a curse. It seems to us that the reason why the like universities in India and Egypt are not a success morally or intellectually they are assuredly not failures, is because the tone of the students is bad, and the same may be said of a great majority of the Chinese students who have been sent to Japan for education in western learning. We have recently had the opportunity of discussing this question with one who himself a graduate of one university has been for a considerable time an office holder in three and thus has had means of comparing the moral tone in each of them. He holds that in Oxford and Cambridge it has become crystallized by age, and that it would be as impossible to change it as it would be undesirable, and that this is proved by the discomfiture of those dons (and there were many of them), who feared that the great influx of Rhodes scholars a few years ago would materially affect for the worse the conditions at Oxford, whereas there is no sign of such decadence. That for power foundations it must be built up carefully and that the material for so doing is to be found not solely in the senate and the professors, but in these in conjunction with the character of the students themselves. They must be in accord with each other and both aim at the same result. Moreover, that aim must be of a higher character than simply material and individual prosperity or success. In other words, it must be for the general good of a large number of a nation. If the Chinese who may flock to Hongkong for education come with an unselfish desire to benefit others, the tone will be good, if with a selfish desire to benefit themselves alone, it will be bad, however earnestly the professors may strive to impress the opposite upon them. It would seem therefore, if the two main subjects for study are to be medicine and engineering, which is we understand the position taken up by the founders, that the former should have most distinctly the first place, not only because it presents the larger field for the subsequent employment of the passed student, not only because a greater benefit will be derived by the vast mass of the common people, but because it will to a larger extent than the other tend towards a healthy moral tone in the other students. We sincerely hope that the medical faculty will always outnumber the other in the proportion of 3 to 1, and that the policy of the governing body of the new university may be such as will lead to bring this about.

Every university at home while teaching a great variety of branches of learning has one predominating feature. Oxford has classics, Cambridge abstract mathematics, Durham divinity, Edinburgh medicine, Glasgow applied mathematics, Aberdeen moral philosophy, Dublin philosophy, and we should well please if Hongkong obtained the like distinction for tropical medicine, even though it had to ruin a neck and neck race with Khartoum. There is another characteristic which distinguishes a school from an university, namely, the necessity the latter is under of taking up one line at least of original research from which the former is free. Usually it is some branch of that subject to which it has devoted most attention. We do not dwell upon this at this time, as it is perhaps as much a result of having made a selection as a reason for doing so, but it may possibly have some influence in deciding what the most favoured study ought to be. The policy of the new university will hardly be satisfactory if the necessity for original research is ignored.

The building of the British battleship *Conqueror* has begun at the shipyard of Messrs Beardmore and Co., of Dalmar. The *Conqueror* will be of 22,500 tons displacement and 54,500 h.p. Her gun power will be concentrated so that all will be available for broadside firing. In every respect she will be a substantial advance on the *Colossus*.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

An effort is being made to establish a bathing party for ladies and gentlemen in connection with St. Andrew's church, Kowloon.

Late last night a Chinese prisoner escaped from Victoria Gaol. It is understood that he effected his escape by means of the roof.

At Longtin, Staffs, recently the Potteries stipendiary fined Edward J. Johnson, farmer, Hillside Farm, Normacot, £30 and costs for selling milk adulterated with water.

The last of the series of special addresses arranged for members and friends of the European Y. M. C. A. will be given on Sunday, at 9 p.m. by Colonel C. W. R. St. John, R. E., on "The light of faith."

The latest advices from Cartago, the Costa Rican town destroyed by an earthquake, places the loss of life at 2500. Other hundreds are seriously injured and thousands more are homeless and destitute.

The *Advocate of India* publishes an account of the fall of a large meteorite into Bombay harbour. It came in a southerly direction, leaving a tail as it rushed through the air and threw up a wave when it struck the water.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, has once again to thank Sir Paul Chater for another generous gift, in the form of additional seating accommodation in both aisles. The new pews are decidedly beautiful and are quite in keeping with the rest of the Church.

L'Asie du Tonkin is grateful, as the *Advocate of India* publishes, for the introduction of Foreigners and Chinese for the exploitation of agricultural and mineral resources of Indo-China while the Chinese on their part are calling for the expulsion of the Annamites, French protégés, and employees of the Yunnan railway, and their replacement by Chinese.

Mme. Réjane, the famous French actress, when she went over the Ideal Home Exhibition at Olympia, struck a true note. "The English have discovered the art," she said, "not only of making themselves comfortable wherever they are, but also of creating smiling homes. Whenever I go to houses of any of my English friends, whether they are rich or comparatively poor, the home itself seems to welcome you with a smile."

The general elections for members of the Cortes were held on May 8 throughout Spain with great enthusiasm but with perfect order. The contest was closely fought in all the districts. In Madrid the candidates of the coalition between the Republicans and Socialists were elected for the most part, six of these winning against two of the opposition. The Republicans and the Catalan Left won in Barcelona also, or are believed to have won, as the exact figures are not yet to hand.

The Y. M. C. A. Bulletin says:—Since our last issue the British Empire has suffered a great loss. We deeply lament the death of our revered Sovereign, King Edward VII. We have enjoyed many blessings under his able and benevolent rule; and we shall ever cherish memories of him as a Ruler, who, during his reign, though of short duration, exercised such a potent influence in the promotion of good and the advancement of international peace.

The Government of Formosa has decided to initiate a third project for suppressing the savages in the island, reports the *Japan Mail*. An army consisting of over 8,000 soldiers and policemen will be organized, while the Aiyu line extending over 500 miles are to be made to advance with a view to subduing, since ferocious tribes, numbering about 120,000 persons, by the 47th fiscal year. In the meantime a number of police stations will be established at different important points to keep the savages under control, as well as to maintain the public peace. It is reported that the savages in North Formosa, who are more stubborn and ferocious than those in the southern part, will first be dealt with.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

A sentence of one year's imprisonment was imposed on a native, at the Magistracy today, for returning from banishment.

For returning from banishment a native was sentenced to six months' imprisonment at the Magistracy this morning.

The native, who was remanded on Thursday for stealing a plank from the Sugar Works, was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment at the Magistracy to-day.

Mr. Marican was fined \$1 by Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy to-day, for causing an obstruction in Des Vaux Road Central with his motor car. Defendant was also warned not to continue the practice.

Before Mr. E. R. Halliday, at the Magistracy this morning, a coolie was charged with snatching a handkerchief containing diamonds and stealing a \$10 bill from Mrs. Daly, of 101 Wanchai Road. It appears that there were several men present and when prisoner got hold of the bag she struck him with her umbrella and he struck her on the wrist and then decamped. Complaint followed and afterwards pointed defendant out to a Chinese detective. The case was adjourned.

THE KING'S FUNERAL.

Day of Mourning in Hongkong.

The funeral of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh is to take place a week to-day, on Friday the 30th inst., and this afternoon we were informed from the Colonial Secretary's Office that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Sir Henry May) has ordered that the day shall be observed as a day of mourning, and that under Ordinance No. 2 of 1875, Section 8, he has directed that the day be observed as a day of mourning.

As yet it is not known whether there will be memorial services in all the various churches of the Colony, but at any rate such a service will be held at St. John's Cathedral. This will be on ornate lines. At 11 o'clock the band of The Buffs, stationed in the chapel, will play Beethoven's March on "The Death of a Hero," and then the bell will toll for five minutes. This will be followed by Chapin's March Funere, by the Band, and at its conclusion the bell will again be tolled. To requiem music the clergy will then enter the sacred fane and the service for the Burial of the Dead will be proceeded with on lines similar to those of the memorial service recently held, the whole concluding with the "Dead March" in *Sand Mrs. Tibbs*, we believe, will take the organ.

In consequence of the death of His Majesty King Edward, the annual sports arranged by the Civil Service Cricket Club for Empire Day, the 24th inst., have been indefinitely postponed.

HONGKONG DECLARED FREE OF PLAGUE.

A telegram has been received by the Colonial Secretary from the British Consul at Batavia to the effect that Hongkong has now been declared free from plague.

SUED BY BREWERY COMPANY.

In the Court of Summary Jurisdiction this morning, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland (Acting Puisne Judge), a case was mentioned in which the Oriental Brewery Co. sued J. de Rosa Braga for the sum of \$1274. Mr. C. Willson was for the plaintiffs and Mr. Otto Krong Sing for defendant. Mr. Willson stated that his friend had paid a certain amount into Court, and he (Mr. Willson) asked for judgment for that amount and costs.

Mr. Otto Krong Sing—There is no necessity for judgment, he can take it out of Court.

Mr. Willson—I am entitled to judgment. I submit, in the ordinary way.

Mr. Otto Krong Sing—If he does not ask for costs I don't mind.

His Lordship—You don't ask for costs, do you?

Mr. Willson—I do.

Mr. Otto Krong Sing—The claim is only for about \$10, and he is not entitled to costs. His Lordship—I will give you costs up to the date of payment in.

Mr. Otto Krong Sing—I object to these costs in any case.

His Lordship—That is a matter for the Registrar.

Mr. Otto Krong Sing—I have paid in \$7.24 in respect of the whole claim and my friend takes that in satisfaction of it.

His Lordship—You had better see the Registrar on that point.

Mr. Otto Krong Sing—The question is whether he is entitled to costs.

His Lordship—He is entitled to costs up to the time of payment in.

Mr. Willson stated he would be satisfied with judgment and costs if any were allowed by the Registrar.

An order in these terms was accordingly made.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

We imagine the British people will agree that a happier phrase than Alexandra the Queen Mother could not have been chosen.

RESIDENT-GENERAL OF KOREA.

VISCONT TERAUCHI TO BE TEMPORARILY APPOINTED.

"Independent News Agency's" Service to the China Mail.

It has been decided in Government circles that Viscount Soma, Resident General of Korea, who is suffering from cancer, shall be relieved of the worries of office. Viscount Terauchi will succeed him. But the change will not be notified for a little time.

MAMMOTH AMERICAN BATTLESHIP.

LAUNCHING OF THE FLORIDA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

The battleship *Florida*, of 23,000 tons, has been launched at New York.

PRAYER FOR ROYAL FAMILY.

FORMULA OF PRAYER BOOK ALTERED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

The Gazette prescribes that the new formula to be used in the Prayer Book in the prayer for the Royal Family shall read as follows:—"Our Gracious Queen Mary, Alexandra the Queen Mother, Edward Duke of Cornwall."

COLLIERY DISASTER AT WHITEHAVEN.

OVER 130 ENTOMBED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

An explosion occurred yesterday in a coal mine at Whitehaven, and 130 colliers were entombed.

The work of rescue was carried out all through the night, and four of the entombed men were saved.

The mine is now on fire, and it is feared that the rest of the colliers have perished.

KING EDWARD'S END.

DIED IN PERFECT CALM.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

The *Lancet* publishes an authorised report by the physicians in attendance on His late Majesty, which confirms previous accounts, and adds that he suffered for years from emphysema with bronchial catarrh. The chill which he caught in Paris developed into bronchitis at Biarritz, and he caught a fresh chill at Sandringham on May 1st while supervising alterations in the gardens. On his return to London he refused to discontinue attending to his duties and insisted on modifying the first bulletin issued on 5th May. He died in perfect calm.

(Note.—In medical parlance emphysema is "a swelling produced by air diffused in the cellular tissue."—Ed. C.M.)

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Captain George Willy Taubert, of the N. D. L. steamer *Lock Sun*, who has been on trial at Singapore charged with causing grievous hurt to a Chinese cargo-coolie (who subsequently died) has been acquitted by the jury.

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WAI-WU-PO PRESIDENCY.

PRINCE TSAI CHUN APPOINTED.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, May 13.

His Excellency Leung Tun Yen, the President of the Wai-Wu-Pu (Board of Foreign Affairs), having incurred the displeasure of the Prince Regent, has sent in his resignation.

It has been decided to appoint Prince Tsai Chun to the office, his father, Prince Ching, having declined it.

KWANGTUNG SALT MONOPOLY.

MERCHANTS LIKELY TO HOLD IT.

(Wah Tse Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, May 12.

The Commissioner appointed to investigate the matter of the Kwangtung salt monopoly has returned from Canton to Peking.

The monopoly will probably be given back to the merchants.

BANKRUPT DEBTORS.

In the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, before the Acting Puisne Judge (Mr. F. A. Hazeland), this morning, Ah Young and Co., complainants, brought an action against Mrs. R. A. Ford for \$340.14 for goods supplied. Mr. Otto Krong Sing was for plaintiffs and Mr. Gardiner for defendant.

Mr. Gardiner stated that he had given his friend notice that a petition had been presented, and he would therefore ask that the case be adjourned.

His Lordship—A petition in bankruptcy? Mr. Gardiner—Yes, my Lord.

Mr. Otto Krong Sing—Will your Lordship put it in next week's list, and then if no receiving order is made I shall ask for judgment?

The case was accordingly allowed to stand over for a week.

In the same Court Messrs. C. E. Warren and Co. sued W. H. Embarley for \$33.

Mr. W. B. Hind for the defendant asked that the case be adjourned sine die as defendant had filed his petition in bankruptcy.

The case was accordingly adjourned sine die.

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENTS.

Rev. H. O. Spink's Condemnation.

In the current issue of St. Andrew's (Kowloon) Church Magazine, the chaplain (Rev. H. O. Spink) in the course of his monthly letter says:—

"I wish to call your earnest attention to a matter which is calculated to seriously injure our Sunday Schools."

"It is much to be regretted that the authorities allow a place of entertainment to be open in a British Colony on Sunday, with a special programme to entice the young. Those who make money at the expense of the spiritual welfare of children have much to answer for."

"With regard to our own children, I plead that parents who value the work done in the Sunday School will let no other attraction interfere with attendance."

A \$1,000 LOAN.

In the Court of Summary Jurisdiction this morning, before His Honour Mr. F. A. Hazeland (Acting Puisne Judge), R. H. Muford sued Rose White, of the Hotel Balmora, for \$1,000 money lent. Mr. F. M. Hodgson was for the plaintiff, while the defendant did not appear.

His Lordship—Has she had notice? Does she know that the case is coming on?

Mr. Hodgson—Yes, my Lord. I wrote, and told her myself.

His Lordship—Perhaps you had better give evidence to that effect.

Mr. Hodgson accordingly took the witness stand, and made a statement accordingly.

Plaintiff then proved his claim and judgment was accordingly entered for him with costs.

HALLEY'S COMET.

Many Popular Fallacies Disproved.

The spacious lecture-hall of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. was crowded in every part on Thursday evening when Mr. John I. Plummer, M.A., of the Hongkong Observatory, gave a highly instructive account of Halley's Comet, now such a prominent topic of conversation. Mr. J. M. Wong presided and the speaker's remarks were lucidly translated into the Chinese tongue by Mr. Ng Ting Po.

Mr. Plummer, in the course of his general introduction, said that nowadays he was frequently asked, as he passed along the street, such questions as these: "Where do comets come from and where do they go to? What are they made of? What is their weight, size and construction? What would happen if the Earth were to run into a comet, or a comet into the Earth? Is it true that the Earth will pass through the tail of Halley's comet and what will happen if it does? Is the head and the tail of a comet made of the same kind of stuff? And so on and so forth. He was prepared to answer all these questions and perhaps some more. To begin with the first. Where do comets come from? First of all he wished to give some idea of the loneliness of this little world of ours. It is quite true that we have one near neighbour, the moon. If thirty globes such as ours were put together in a line like beads on a string, the last of them would be just about as far from us as the moon is. It is not therefore, what one would call a near neighbour. The next nearest body to the Earth is the sun. It would be easy to put down a figure showing how far off it is but they are quite unsatisfactory. Let us say then briefly that the sun is 400 times further off than the moon. Yet it is our next nearest neighbour. I don't forget that there are a few bodies, three to be exact, which are sometimes nearer to us than the sun is, but at other times they are much further off, so that on the whole the sun is nearer than they are. After the sun and the few attendant planets there comes a terrible gap indeed. An immense and apparently empty space extends on all sides of us and of him. But this great region is not absolutely empty though we can see nothing there. Scattered throughout it are some small bodies, possibly very far apart, (they are in great numbers) probably an enormous number of comets, moving about in all directions, though slowly. For ages they may wander in no very definite direction, similarly it would seem to be the case with the planets and though it would take him also many ages to cross it, still he occasionally comes comparatively near these strange bodies. Then a change takes place, very slowly at first they are attracted by him and tend to approach just as a stone thrown into the air is attracted to the earth; gradually, very gradually, the motion becomes quicker, and quicker and after a considerable time they move very rapidly indeed, but by this time they are pretty near to the sun. The impetus they have received carries them round the sun and they begin to recede from him, going slower and slower all the time till they are lost to sight in the immense distances. But they do not go back from whence they came. They move in a curve called a parabola. This explains how it is that comets come suddenly at unexpected times, remain a few weeks visible and then are gone for ever. Halley's comet however, pays us a visit regularly, at intervals of about 76 or 77 years, therefore Halley's is not an ordinary comet. The speaker then went on to explain how this has been brought about. At some remote date Halley's comet was attracted towards the sun and passed round it. It is impossible to say when this first visit of Halley's comet took place; all we certainly know is that it was before the year 770 A.D., 14 years ago. The records of that remote time are vague and doubtful and the lecturer could not assure himself that any earlier records were really reports referring to Halley, though it is quite possible they may be. Since that early date it has returned quite regularly, sometimes it was seen and referred to in old annals, and sometimes it escaped being reported upon, but we can have no doubt that it appeared. The present is therefore the fifteenth time since the first authentic report that it has become visible. Some authorities have become famous, even in stages in 1065, at the time of the Norman conquest, when it was thought to be such a notable event that it was figured on the historical Bayeux tapestry. It appeared too in 1082, in Halley's time, and it was the splendour of it that led him to predict that it would return in 1758, many years after he himself was dead. It was a bold assertion in that day and Halley was perhaps a little proud of his prediction, as he had a perfect right to be, and he asked his countrymen to remember when his prediction came true that it was an Englishman who had done this thing.

Mr. Plummer then went on to explain why it is that Halley's comet is a regular part of our solar system, coming at intervals from its long journey into space, instead of being lost like other comets. The magnetic attraction of the sun is shared by the eight great planets of our system and they attract comets just as he does, though they are less powerful and fall to pieces long before the comet comes very near them. Halley's comet on its first visit to the sun, came so close to the sun that it was attracted to pass very near to the planet Uranus, a great planet, though not the largest or heaviest, but still much bigger than the earth. It is also the outermost but one of the eight and being sufficiently powerful and sufficiently close to Halley on this occasion, it turned it a little out of the course that otherwise would have been taken. The general effect was to diminish its speed and to make the track it pursued less divergent than it would otherwise have been; to bring the two ends of the parabola nearer together, so that it was no longer a parabola but an ellipse, or oval. A long narrow ellipse, it is true, and one that did not differ greatly from a parabola, still a closed curve, that is, a curve that would sooner or later bring it back to the same point it had passed through before and keep it perpetually revolving in the same way till some day it chances to meet another planet and be thrown into a new orbit or curve. So long as it does not meet with any such accident it must remain a permanent member of the solar system, just as much as Jupiter or Venus or the earth. It seems that three other comets act on the same principle as Halley's owing to the action of Uranus, but Halley's is the largest and brightest of the four.

The speaker next proceeded to describe the composition of the tail of a comet. It consists of a very thin, light gas compared with which the common air we breathe is probably a very dense and heavy material, but it shines with its own light, as under certain circumstances all gases do, and it

is in consequence of this that astronomers can speak with greater certainty about its material of the tail than of the head. The first thing in comets is perhaps the closest approach in an earthly substance to the hydro-carbons which compose a comet's tail. The head of a comet shines for the most part at least by reflecting the light of the sun precisely as the moon does, or the planet. It is composed of solid matter, though not in one compact lump like the moon, but a very dense crowd of quite small bodies held together by mutual attraction and the similarity of their motions. But except perhaps in the very centre they are at considerable distances apart. Mr. Plummer said the aptest illustration he could give them was that of a swarm of bees. Each individual bee in a swarm flies as its fellows; they are crowded together towards the centre, where the queen bee is, and the intervals between them are greater and greater in proportion as they are further from the queen, there are even stragglers that appear hopelessly far from the rest, but still pursuing in the same direction. Now the earth, as far as we know, has never run into the head of a comet, and it is to be hoped that it never will for such bees might have a sting! Therefore we have never seen a portion of a comet, but we are quite sure what it is made of. But we have occasionally run into some of the stragglers. We did so on the 13th November, 1888, and no one who witnessed that spectacle will ever forget it. It was the tail of Tempel's Comet, which has gone on its course some four months earlier so that these stragglers were at that time a long way in the rear, but they were sufficiently numerous. Meteors fall in all parts of the sky at the rate of more than 100 per minute. This speaker himself counted 27 in a minute from a place where only part of the sky was visible, and this continued for hours. But these, although exceeding bright while they lasted, appear to have been very small bodies. They were all burnt up in the atmosphere and scattered into palmy dust. All but one left a trail of dust visible for 17 minutes and this one must have been big enough to reach the earth as a solid mass, but of course it was never found.

Yet sometimes, quite unexpectedly, meteors do fall to the earth, are seen to fall, and are subsequently picked up. There is no reason to doubt that these are parts of comets, some of the stragglers along the lines over which comets have passed, and it becomes interesting to see that they are like. There are two kinds found, some are of iron mixed with a little nickel; these usually small from a few ounces to a few pounds in weight; others are of a kind of rock composed of small grains, some of them as large as a pea, from a few pounds to perhaps a ton, though very large ones are uncommon as they are very apt to be broken into fragments while passing through the atmosphere. But the only point of interest about meteors is that nearly all of them contain little bodies which are enclosed in a small quantity of gas and it is quite possible that from these little pockets is derived the gas which forms the tails of comets. We can easily imagine that in the crowding together near the centre collisions of comets, individual members of the crowd become broken or crushed and the contained gas escapes. As soon as it becomes thin enough it is driven away by the radiant forces of the sun. Hence it is that the tail is always directed away from the sun, when the comet is approaching the sun the tail streams away almost in the direction which the comet has passed along. When, as at present with Halley's comet, it is going away from the sun it streams out almost as if pointing the way in which the comet has just been passing round the sun, as Halley did on the 15th of April last, it swings round rapidly away from the sun. With some comets which approach the sun very closely, as the comet which was seen earlier in the year, the tail is whirled round through many millions of miles in a few hours. This leads to the question, do not comets lose something in these successive returns to the sun? They cannot possibly recover, recede from the sun, but they do lose a great deal of mass or weight, and the heavier matter of the head is, it would seem, broken up into smaller and smaller fragments, so that the actual loss of bulk is not great. Nevertheless comets that have made very numerous visits to the sun are noticed to become fainter and fainter and even Halley's, which does not return very frequently, is probably not so conspicuous an object as it was a thousand years ago. Of course it makes a great difference if we happen to be near the comet at the time of its visit. On the present occasion we are much nearer than we frequently are; indeed, on the 19th of May this comet will pass between us and the sun at a distance of only 14,000,000 miles. We are thus assured a good view of it, but no good as it is 14,000,000 miles away on the other side when it would be seen in the midnight sky with no sun to pale its light. This is a drawback to the present appearance of Halley, but we cannot alter it, and it is a long time to wait another 76 years in the hope that the next appearance may be under more favourable circumstances. We must therefore make the most we can of the case as it is. We shall none of us have the chance of seeing it again. We may hope to see other and even brighter comets but we cannot say when they may come and Halley's is the only very bright comet whose return we may predict. On this occasion it was predicted and it came at the appointed time, the error in the prediction was at the most a few days, considering the long journey it had made and the disturbance and delay which took place in consequence of its comparatively close approach to Jupiter, it may be regarded as one of the triumphs of astronomy. It is to be accurately predicted. The two British astronomers, Messrs. Cowell and Crommelin, who made this prediction, are receiving on all hands praise and commendation for their success and they richly deserve it.

ANOTHER CASE AGAINST ALLANA.

At the Magistrate's this morning S. E. Allana and R. D. Captain were summoned by Miss D. Heard for assault.

Mr. Sheehan appeared to prosecute and Mr. Reader Harris represented Captain. Mr. P. Hett has been retained for Allana. The case was adjourned until the 23rd.

SPORTING.

Hongkong Tennis League.

The following matches are down for decision to-morrow (Saturday):

Kowloon v. Chinese Y.M.C.A.

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HONGKONG'S RECORD LEGAL CASE.

Nine Weeks Occupied in Hearing.

So far as length of time occupied in hearing is concerned, Hongkong's recent legal case concluded in the Supreme Court this afternoon, before the Acting Chief Justice (Hon. Mr. W. Ross Davies, K.C.), the case, in which were engaged five barristers, commenced on the 4th of January last, and has taken up 84 full days, the judgment of the Court on the points at issue being now reserved. It was an administration action, the parties being Chinese, and a sum of between \$30,000 and \$1,000,000 is involved.

The hearing of evidence closed on the 3rd inst. and both Sir Henry Baker, K.C., and Mr. W. Slade, K.C., leading counsel on either side, addressed His Lordship for three and a half days each.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Mr. J. Barton presided over the annual meeting of the Hongkong Horticultural Society, at the City Hall on Thursday evening. There were also present:—Mr. L. Gibbs, secretary, Mrs. A. W. Brewin, Messrs H. W. Looker, F. Howell, W. J. Tutchin, W. L. Patterson, P. W. Goldring, J. Barrington and Ho Koon Tong.

The Chairman referred to the report and accounts, and said he did not intend to weary members with any long remarks. The reports were pretty well for itself. He thought the financial position of the Society might be considered satisfactory for the time being. What they required to do was to create more interest in the outside public to insure larger attendances at the annual show. He proposed the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

On the motion of Mr. Howell the report and accounts were adopted.

Mr. Barton was re-elected chairman, and Mr. Gibbs secretary.

The Chairman said that the secretary had worked like a Trojan in the interests of the Society, which he had very much at heart, and they should also accord him a hearty vote of thanks for the trouble he had taken.

This was done.

Mr. W. L. Patterson was re-elected treasurer, and the committee elected consisted of the following members:—Mr. Brewin, Messrs W. J. Tutchin, Ho Koon Tong, H. W. Looker, C. E. H. Beavis, Mrs. Jordan, Messrs F. Howell, P. W. Goldring, and Choo Poo Sien.

The rule concerning the annual meeting was altered to read that the meeting should be held not later than June in each year.

Mr. Goldring brought forward the question of affiliating the Society with the Horticultural Society at Home. It seemed to him that there were a great many advantages to gain from this course, and at the same time they would get certain forms of prizes which would obviate the giving of money.

Consideration of the question was left to the incoming committee.

Mr. Howell suggested that at the next show a special class should be set aside for those exhibitors who did not employ a gardener. There were many in the Colony who cultivated a few plants on their verandahs, but did not like to compete against gardeners.

Mr. Tutchin remarked that some of those people exhibited at present. He knew one who exhibited in four classes last time took three prizes.

The matter was referred to the committee, and the meeting ended.

RUBBER NOTES.

Messrs Guthrie and Co. are in receipt of a cable advising that at the annual general meeting of Linggi Plantations Ltd. the directors' recommendations that a final dividend of 100 per cent should be paid and that the sum of \$13,000 should be carried forward, were confirmed.

The following telegrams were received by the Straits Times and appeared in its issue of 8th inst.

LONDON, May 3.

There was a sensational deadlock at the London Rubber Auctions to-day. One hundred and nine-three tons of rubber, chiefly Malayan, was on offer but it had to be withdrawn as there were no buyers.

The price quoted was 10/6 to 10/10, whereas on April 19 the prices were 12/4 to 12/10.

Fine crepe was 11/- to 11/3 compared with 12/6 at the last sale.

Best crepe was from 8/2 to 9/2.

Fine hard Para was quoted at 11/- to 11/1 against 12/4 a fortnight ago.

It is believed that the set-back is temporary, and that buyers and sellers will arrive at a basis of trade before the next auction which has been fixed for Monday.

London, May 4.

There has been a sudden drop in rubber prices.

Buyers are staying their hand and are waiting to learn the demand of the American market, who are known to be living from hand to mouth. Almost the whole of the 196 tons offered at the auction yesterday had to be withdrawn.

Kuala Lumpur, May 4.

The Planter's Stores London cable that yesterday's rubber sale was postponed until Monday.

The price of rubber is declining all round. Nominal quotations are—Avera's No. 1 10/6, Harper's quotation 11/-.

Penang, May 4.

A private telegram from London states that the price of plantation sheet is 10s. 3d.

Buyers have disappeared, sellers refusing to sell on buyers' conditions. Business in rubber has virtually stopped in consequence.

Commenting on the above information the editor of the Straits Times says:—

"We give the following statement in regard to the position in London gathered hastily during various inquiries at the local market, with all reserve and caution because rubber holders must bear in mind the possibility of a crisis such as this being used for the purpose of setting position, at a low price, of shares which are worth the amount at which they have recently been quoted."

It is admitted locally that there is a decided weakness in the market caused by the drop in the price of rubber and the fact that Shanghai and Hongkong have been forced to sell heavily to London, by reason of their having acquired more shares than they can take up. The small holders here are undoubtedly badly hit, having gone for a gamble and now being confronted with a chance of losing money. General advice on the part of firms standing is not to part with shares in sound and consequently paying good dividends. Moreover, it is felt that within a fortnight or three weeks the market will adjust itself and high prices again prevail.

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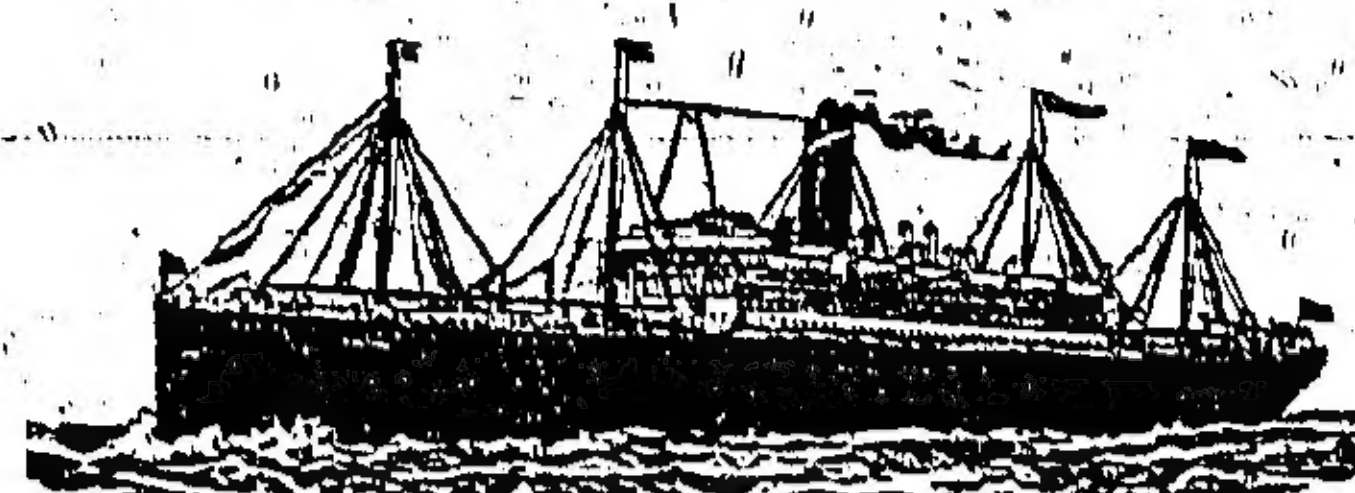
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SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI	DAIGI MARU, Captain H. Murayama.	SUNDAY, 22nd May, at 10 a.m.
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Hongkong, June 22, 1909.

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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH, Capt. E. Malchow.	WEDNESDAY, 18th May, at Noon.
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	PRINZ WALDEMAR, Capt. F. Isacke.	SATURDAY, 21st May, at Daylight.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	PRINZ SIGISMUND, Capt. D. Lenz.	TUESDAY, 30th May, at Noon.
KUWAIT and HADRAH	BORNEO, Capt. F. Sembill.	About end of May.

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"HALF KNOWLEDGE" OF ENGLAND.

The Post Laureate has recently been calling attention to an article in the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, in which a distinguished Frenchman sums up his opinion of England. The Frenchman, the Duc d'Aumale, says: "From my youth upwards I have heard people talk of the decadence of England, but I have still to wait for any symptoms of this."

He goes on: "England is not on the eve of a political revolution. It remains, and will remain, what it has been for a hundred years—the model of great and free countries."

The Duc d'Aumale is not alone among the visitors to our land who have been amazed to see things so different from what they had expected by outside reading. Only a few days since Sir George Reid emphasised the same point. "Instead of finding this country a decadent island," he told an audience at the Carpenters' Hall, "I meet wherever I go a younger England rising up full of all the grand qualities of its ancestors."

Much of the talk about the decay of England is due to half knowledge of what is going on in our midst.

Sir Charles Lucas, the head of the Dominions Department of the Colonial Office, made a very true remark in his recent official report of his visit to the Antipodes. He emphasised the want of detail he found in the telegraphic information of what is taking place in England.

"The result was to me perpetual half knowledge of contemporary home affairs. This half knowledge at certain times and under certain conditions might conceivably have a dangerous effect on public opinion."

Notices to Consignees

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship KASAMA, Captain FURBER, having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on FRIDAY, 13th Inst., at 3 p.m.

All Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th inst. will be subject to sale.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 7, 1910.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER TOURANE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London, or S.A. Colonies, from FAYET s.s. *Ville de Rochefort*, from ROUEN s.s. *Ville de Rochefort*, in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 3 p.m. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, and Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th May, at Noon, will be subject to sale and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 18th May, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on the 17th May, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. P. THOMAS, Agent.

Hongkong, May 9, 1910.

BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP OCEANO.

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

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SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	CHOYSANG	MONDAY, May 16, at Noon
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	KUTSANG	TUESDAY, May 17, at Noon
SAMARANG & SOERABAYA	AMARA	WEDNESDAY, May 18, at Noon
SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA	NAMSANG	THURSDAY, May 19, at Noon
MANILA	YUENSANG	FRIDAY, May 20, at 4 p.m.

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CHINA.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	To SAIL
TUNGCHOW, SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	KASAMA	May 14, Daylight
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	YARRA	May 14, at Noon
BATAVIA, SAMARANG & SOERABAYA	SHANTUNG	May 18, at 4 p.m.
SWATOW, AMOY, CEBU & ILOILO	SHANTUNG	May 18, at 4 p.m.
MANILA, SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	SHANTUNG	May 17, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	SHANTUNG	May 17, at 4 p.m.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, and USUAL	SHANTUNG	May 19, at 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CHANGSHA	May 28, at 4 p.m.

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